

RANGE OF THERMOMETER.
The thermometer ranged as follows at The Times office yesterday: 9 A. M., 30; 12 M., 31; 3 P. M., 32; 6 P. M., 25; 9 P. M., 25; 12 M., 25. Average temperature, 28.

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RICHMOND WILL SEND GOOD MEN

Strong Leaders Out for the Convention.

NO UNSEEMLY FIGHT

Candidates and People Opposed to a Scramble.

COMMITTEE SOON TO MEET

Will Nominate in April—Primary Election Will Be Held—Something About the Men Who Are Already in the Race and Those Whose Friends Are Urging Them to Run.

Richmond City—whose people are always conservative—will send a delegation to the Constitutional Convention, from present indications, which in point of ability will compare favorably with the members from any other section of the State.

There is a decided disposition on the part of those who will stand for the convention here, as well as the people, to have no "unseemly scramble" over the matter, but to have a canvass conducted on that high plane which is in keeping with the dignity and importance of the office, and which will reflect credit upon the aspirants, as well as upon the city at large.

Several of the larger Democratic organizations have through their recognized leaders expressed the opinion that there should be no stump canvass for several of the most prominent candidates for the convention. Indeed, two or three of them have indicated that they will not go into a "rough roll and tumble" canvass, and that if the honor must come to them after such a struggle they will not have it.

Every effort will be made to discourage a fight, and the candidates, whose qualifications and fitness for the convention are for the most part beyond question, will, it is believed, remain in their offices, and not be forced to enter an ugly fight, such as has been witnessed in municipal contests on former occasions.

NO MUSHROOM CLUBS.

If any speaking is done at all, it will most certainly be confined to the recognized permanent Democratic Clubs, and little encouragement will be given by the candidates or their friends to the mushroom organizations that are wont to spring up in bar-rooms during the progress of a campaign, and then fall of their own weight when the struggle is ended. In other words, the candidates will take place some time in April, and that the plan will be an exact copy of that usually adopted in legislative contests.

SOME STRONG CANDIDATES.

Some of those who have either indicated their purpose to stand for the convention or whose friends are urging them to do so are: Hon. Charles V. Meredith, Captain George D. Wise, ex-Archbishop of Baltimore, Mr. Scott, Colonel A. S. Buford, Captain John A. Curtis, Messrs. James W. Gordon, J. Garland Pollard, William S. Royall, and Hill Montague. Some of the prominent gentlemen whose names are being put forward for them to run and who are known to have the matter under advisement are: Captain J. Taylor Ellyson, Colonel Archer Anderson, and Colonel George Wayne Anderson.

ONLY AMERICAN

THUS HONORED

Dr. Z. T. Sweeney Tells How He Won the Sultan's Favor and was Decorated.

"Richmond has many charms for me," said Rev. Dr. Z. T. Sweeney, preacher, author, diplomat and lecturer. "It has been a year or more since my last visit to this city, and I am glad to be back once more. Yes, I preach to-morrow, and then Monday and Tuesday I lecture; I will have a busy time, but I am glad to be here."

"Yes, that is true. I did not seek the appointment, but I was pleased to represent Uncle Sam in the land of the Sultan. I was there for three years. That's doing pretty well when you recall that Dr. Sweeney stayed there six months. It was a great experience, but the man who represents Uncle Sam at Constantinople has plenty of work to do."

"Well, I do not know whether I was the only American to be decorated in the Turkish Empire, but I was the senior warden of the body. They have a fine lodge there, but it is under English jurisdiction. There are Greeks and Armenians and many other nationalities represented in the membership."

"Yes, that is true, too. I was decorated by the Sultan with the order of Osmanieh. I am the only American that has ever received that decoration. Oh, no, I did not receive it until six months after my return from the diplomatic service, for you know that no official representative of the United States is allowed to accept any decoration from a foreign government until he has received the honor. How did I happen to receive the honor? Well, that is a strange story. During my incumbency as minister to Turkey, I came to America. Of course I expected to be interviewed by the representatives of the metropolitan press, and prepared an interview in advance. I left out what I might have said that was derogatory to the Turkish people and told of their good traits and characteristics. These clippings were forwarded by the Turkish Minister at Washington to the Sublime Porte, and the secretary to the Sultan was a particular friend of mine. I received an official communication from the Sultan saying that the interview was the fairest to the Turkish Empire that he had ever seen, and thanked me for it. Later I received the decoration and in 1893, during the World's Fair, I was appointed Imperial Turkish Commissioner."

Dr. Sweeney is the guest of Colonel John S. Buford, and will lecture at Richmond to-morrow and Tuesday. Dr. Sweeney is now of Columbus, Ind., but was formerly pastor of the Seventh-Street Christian Church, this city. There are few gentlemen in the city more popular than does Dr. Sweeney, and he has thousands of friends in this city.

A Timely Arrest.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
MARTINSVILLE, VA., Feb. 23.—Sheriff Robert Davis arrested Pink Turner, a negro, to-day for criminal assault on Jane Kelly, a little girl of his own color, eleven years of age.

He was at the depot at Bassett's about to take the north-bound train when arrested by the sheriff.

FEARFUL DEATH OF MR. M. HOGAN

Fatal Explosion at the Lower Gas-House.

NO ONE TO BLAME

This the Verdict of the Jury at the Inquest.

SIX OTHER MEN BADLY INJURED

The Dead Man Was Caught Under Falling Bricks and His Body Was Horribly Mangled—Explosion Occurred in One of the Purifying Boxes—Deceased a Popular Citizen.

GROWTH OF RICHMOND TRADE.

Retailers as Well as Wholesalers Experience It.

A railroad man, speaking yesterday of the recent allusion in The Times to the rapid extension of the wholesale trade in Richmond within the past year, said he had been frequently struck by the fact of late, and that he believed the increase was very much greater than was generally supposed.

Mr. Montague is a well known young lawyer and has strong backing among his friends for the convention.

Colonel George Wayne Anderson is well known and popular, both in political and military circles. It seems hardly probable that Colonel Anderson will run, though his friends are anxious for him to do so.

There has also been a tremendous increase in the volume of Richmond's retail trade within the two years past. Richmond retail establishments now supply in large measure the wants of families in various sections of Virginia and North Carolina. Trade is controlled entirely by the local country stores is now divided with the Richmond stores.

The growth of Richmond's retail trade with the country people may be in large measure due to the fact that the country stores run into this city during the summer season. Cheap rates bring to Richmond every day during the late spring, the summer and early fall, hundreds of farmers from Virginia and North Carolina. They stay a day or two, and when they go back home the householder and his wife carry with them supplies to last several months. These excursions have been of immense value to the city, and are naturally encouraged by Richmond business men.

ANOTHER HOTEL POSSIBLE.

Negotiations Pending for Converting a Big Store Into One.

Negotiations looking to the leasing of a building in this city to be used as a hotel have been reopened.

There is every prospect of their being successful. The only objection to the consummation of the proposed deal is said to be the refusal of the owners of the property to make all the improvements asked, although they are willing to grant a great deal in the direction of the lease.

Directly after the adjournment of the committee Dr. Taylor held a coroner's inquest. From the testimony of the uninjured workmen who were in the house at the time it would appear that the explosion occurred in purifying box No. 1, and was not general in the room. The men in cleaning out the box were gathered around it to keep the heavy iron cover in position while it was being raised with the assistance of a pump, operated by two of the workmen. They had been at work about 20 minutes and had gotten one end of the cover in position when the explosion occurred. A bright stream of flame spurted out of the box and a sharp report followed, and just what happened afterwards was to be guessed at. The men made a dash for safety, and three of them, Griffin, Johnson and Smith, escaped the side of the box without injury. The others, who were gathered around the box, were burned, some severely, by the jet of flame, but otherwise were uninjured.

Mr. Hogan, when he heard the report, evidently ran along the side of the wall in an attempt to reach the door, but was caught under the falling bricks before he could escape.

The two end walls of the building were thrown to the ground from the second floor to the roof. Bricks were tossed a distance of 100 feet, some of them doing a slight damage to the surrounding buildings. One or two of the chains supporting the cover of the box were broken, and the explosion occurred, were broken, but otherwise the damage was slight.

Coroner Taylor is of opinion that the explosion was caused by the ignition of the gas by the open light used in the purifying process. It is known that this iron sponge is capable of heating itself to a glow, and on two occasions heretofore it had been discovered to be on fire from all that can be ascertained, no matches or anything else liable to set fire to the gas, was taken into the room by the workmen, it is thought that the cause of the explosion yesterday was the heating of the oxide.

The verdict of the coroner's jury was that Mr. Hogan met his death by accident and that no blame could be attached to the Gas-house employees.

A POPULAR MAN.
Mr. Hogan, who was killed in the explosion, was one of the best-known and most highly respected citizens of the East End. He was a native of Ireland and had been a resident of Fulton since his arrival in this city thirty-five years ago.

He had been employed in the gas works for the past twenty-five years and was held in highest esteem by both employers and associated workmen. He was 51 years of age and is survived by his widow and the following children: Messrs. J. A. Dan and Michael Hogan, and Misses Maggie, Katie, Mary and Julia Hogan, all of whom reside at the residence of Mr. Hogan, No. 3210 Lester Street. Deceased was treasurer of Division No. 1, A. O. H., and also an officer of the Catholic Knights of America.

The remains were turned over to Jas. McDonough & Co., undertakers to be prepared for burial. The funeral will take place from the St. Patrick's Church Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock, with services in Mass. The interment will be made in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

GERMANS HARD PRESSED.

Yet They Whipped the Chinese With the Loss of One Man.

(By Associated Press.)
TIENTSIN, Feb. 23.—Several hundred Imperial Chinese troops attacked fifty Germans west of Pao T'ing Fu February 22nd. The Germans were hard pressed, fought a rear guard action and eventually drove the Chinese back. The Germans had one man killed and seven wounded. It is estimated that the Chinese lost two hundred in killed and wounded.

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EXTRA SESSION OF THE SENATE

President Calls it to Meet on March 4th.

EXECUTIVE PURPOSES

President Issues Proclamation on Yesterday.

AN EXTRAORDINARY OCCASION.

Public Interest, Says the President, Requires That the Body Convene on March 4th to Receive Such Communications as the Executive May Make.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—The President to-day issued a proclamation calling a special session of the Senate for executive purposes immediately upon the dissolution of the present Congress, March 4th.

The text of the proclamation is as follows: By the President of the United States of America.

Whereas, public interest requires that the Senate of the United States be convened at 12 o'clock on the fourth day of March next to receive such communications as may be made by the Executive;

Extraordinary Occasion.
Now, therefore, I, William McKinley, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion requires the Senate of the United States to convene at the Capitol in the city of Washington on the fourth day of March next, at 12 o'clock noon, of which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to act as members of that body are hereby required to take notice.

Given under my hand and the seal of the United States, at Washington the 23rd day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-fifth.

(Signed) WILLIAM MCKINLEY.
John Hay, Secretary of State.

CONGER COMING HOME.

Mr. Rockhill to Continue the Negotiations.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Minister Conger will leave Peking immediately for this country to get back to Iowa, but the Commissioner Rockhill will have full power to conduct the negotiations now in progress.

Mr. Conger returns of his own initiative. For some time past he has been desirous to get back to Iowa, but the opportunity has not presented itself until this morning. Now that the foreign ministers have settled satisfactorily the question of punishment for offending Chinese officials, and a new subject is to be taken up, it will be easy to pass the negotiations into Mr. Rockhill's hands without sacrificing any points. It was Mr. Conger's own suggestion that Mr. Rockhill be placed in charge.

Know Nothing of Them.
(By Associated Press.)
ATLANTA, GA., Feb. 23.—President B. L. Winchell, of the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis Railroad, passed through Atlanta on his way to the south-east this afternoon. He was asked regarding the rumors concerning the absorption of his road by the Southern and replied:

"I know absolutely nothing of the rumors, except what I have seen in the newspapers."

Crew for the New York.
(By Associated Press.)
PENSACOLA, FLA., Feb. 23.—The training ship Dixie, Commander Charles Belknap, arrived here to-day to take aboard forty-five men from each of the Kearsarge, Alabama and Massachusetts. They will be taken to New York to form part of the crew of the cruiser New York, which is fitting out for service in Chinese waters.

MAN WANTED ON TWO CHARGES

Was Arrested in Staunton on Information Given by a Railroad Newsboy.

In connection with the arrest of a young man in Staunton, wanted here as an alleged thief, Detective Tomlinson said last night that he had been on the trail of the young man for some time, and that he was wanted here for another reason, that of a watch from Miss Annie B. Carter, who boarded on West Marshall Street. The watch was taken on December 29th and was recovered by the detectives on the 31st of the same month.

Major Howard was informed yesterday morning of the arrest in Staunton of the young man who, it is alleged, on last Tuesday night took \$135 and a watch from the trunk of Mr. W. N. Hamner at his boarding-house, No. 710 East Marshall Street.

Detective C. A. Gibson left on the afternoon train, over the Chesapeake and Ohio, for Staunton, and will return with his prisoner to-day.

The man is said to be from Petersburg and he was "spotted" by a newsboy named G. C. Andrews, of this city, who has known him for years. He was making his way to Tennessee and so informed the newsboy on the train near Staunton, telling him he had gotten into some trouble in Richmond and that the police formation to the Staunton authorities were after him. Andrews saved the man and the man was placed under arrest.

The name of the young man under arrest in Staunton is given as Warner Tecker. Detective Tomlinson said last night that he was yet reported.

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FEW BODIES HAVE BEEN RECOVERED

One Hundred and Twenty-Eight Number Lost.

FIX RESPONSIBILITY.

An Investigation for This Purpose Will be Held.

THE WRECK NOW INVISIBLE.

The Vessel Slid Off Into Deeper Water. Pilot Jordan, Who Was in Charge, Is Known as a Remarkably Successful Navigator—Passenger List Found.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Feb. 23.—So far as can be ascertained from reliable data 128 lives were lost in the wreck of the Pacific Mail steamship City of Rio de Janeiro. Some fishermen early this morning found a packet containing the papers of Purser Rooney. Among them was the passenger list and a bunch of cancelled passenger tickets, and as there were on the list some who cancelled passenger tickets did not appear among those recovered, it is assumed that they laid over at Yokohama, Kobe or Honolulu.

That they were not on the vessel at the time she went down is certain.

The list of passengers as given out by the steamship company and compiled from the papers of the purser found to-day is:

From Hong Kong (cabin)—William Caste and wife, laid over en route; W. Klose, laid over en route; Consul-General, R. Wildman, wife and infant, Mrs. Katie Nichols (maid, Mrs. Wildman) and native servant, J. K. Carpenter, saved; J. K. Seymour, C. K. McIntosh, laid over; Mrs. J. K. West, saved. Twenty-five.

From Shanghai (cabin)—Charles Do- well, Miss G. L. Herne, saved; A. Hart and wife, Edward Serebin, Captain Hecht, saved.

From Nagasaki (cabin)—Russell Harper, saved.

From Kobe (steerage)—T. Stumura. From Yokohama (cabin)—H. C. Matheson, H. S. Gleet, laid over en route. Steerage—F. Sitou X. Sawiji, J. Adama, saved; T. Kawamura, Mrs. Kika Hamasako, Miss Hiki Aseki, Miss Marsa Hamasako.

From Honolulu (cabin)—Mrs. S. W. Wakefield and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Woodworth, W. A. Henshaw, Mrs. L. R. Jesu, Mrs. Okawhuru, wife and servant, Yeong Chung, A. Gussoni, Dr. A. W. Dodd.

Steerage—W. A. Long, saved; Harry Guayan, Mrs. Frances Ripley, saved; Mr. Takatu and wife; Mr. Sakurai, Mr. Oda, William Casper, Charles E. Jacob, Philip Nuzonblatt, saved.

Passengers from unknown points, presumably from Honolulu, on pay-over checks—Mr. Kholz, saved; W. Brander, saved; Mr. Nuzenbaum, saved.

FEW BODIES FOUND.
Thus far only eleven bodies have been recovered, six white, four Chinese and one Japanese. Surveyor of the Port Spear has established a patrol along the ocean near Baker's Beach and along the bay shore inside Fort Point. The men have picked up four mail bags, one of them washing in near Baker's and the other near the Fort Point Life-Saving Station. The surveyor has given orders that all the fishing boats must report to the customs officials.

All bodies brought in by them and all wreckage and flotsam picked up by fishermen must be accounted for to the officials at the large office. In this way it is thought that losing mail bags and trunks may be stopped.

Among other effects picked up by fishermen was the box containing Captain Ward's papers. The police have established a patrol along the beach south of Fort Winfield Scott.

VALUE OF CARGO.
The value of the cargo of the Rio de Janeiro has not been determined, owing to the absence of important papers, but it is variously estimated at from \$200,000 to \$300,000. Among some papers found floating near the scene of the disaster was a copy of the manifest, showing all the consignments with the exception of the Chinese firm.

The cargo consisted principally of silk, tea, rice and other Oriental products. There was no treasure aboard as was at first reported.

Of the 200 sacks of mail carried by the Rio de Janeiro only twelve have come to the surface.

The investigation into the loss of the steamer probably will be held next week. Graham Coshlan, the senior surviving officer of the ill-fated vessel, calls on Captain Boles this afternoon to report, and he was instructed to make his statement Monday morning.

PECULIAR POSITION.
The inspectors are in a peculiar position in the matter. Captain Ward, the man held responsible for the navigation of the steamer, is dead, and the investigation of Pilot Jordan will be under the direction of the State Pilot Commissioners. The Government inspectors can only inquire into the investigation of the ship as far as the second officer knows, and will investigate the management of the boats and similar matters.

Pilot Jordan will be summoned as a witness. The pilot commissioners, Captain Leland and Messrs. Alexander and Pratt, will hold a regular meeting to-day Monday, but in courtesy to the Government officials the State inquiry is always held after that of the inspectors. The licenses of Captain Ward, First Officer Johnston and Second Officer Coghlan were found floating in the bay near Alcatraz Island by Captain Lundquist, of the steamer Acme, and were turned over to Captain Boles. Small boats have hovered around the scene of the wreck for the past thirty-six hours, and bodies are frequently seen floating in and out of the harbor with the tide, but the roughness of the water greatly hinders the work of recovery.

MUST HAVE PERISHED.
If any of the Rio's passengers or crew lived on the water until sunset without meeting succor up to that time they were dead, and the chances are that the hardest person scarcely could have lived through such a night. Some of the survivors may have been washed on the Marine county shore at obscure places, but if so none of them have yet reported.

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EXCITING CHASE AND CAPTURE

A Hand-Car Used to Overtake Two Robbers.

BROKE IN CAR-HOUSE

Ransacked the Place and Stole Section-Men's Clothes.

BROUGHT TO BAY WITH PISTOL

They Fled Towards Doswell and Took to the Woods When They Saw the Lever Car Coming—Brought Back to the Courthouse and Placed in the County Jail.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
HANOVER, VA., Feb. 23.—Two young white men, "tramps," broke in the Chesapeake and Ohio car-house, just west of this station, to-day, and after ransacking everything inside, took \$5 or \$10 worth of clothing, shoes and other goods belonging to one of the section men.

MET THE ROBBERS.
The truck fore, returning for dinner, met the men going west, and upon arrival at the car-house, discovered the robbery. The foreman, W. T. Poindexter, reported the matter to the telegraph operator, who called authorities at Doswell to look out for the men.

CAME WITH HANDS UP.
The foreman immediately started in pursuit, overtaking the men near Doswell, who, seeing the lever-car coming, ran to the woods, but after a lively chase and one or two shots from the foreman, the robbers "gave up."

They were brought back to the Courthouse, and after a hearing before Magistrate J. H. Berkly, were placed in jail to await trial. They claim to be from Washington, D. C., and are brothers named Delaney.

REAPS A HARVEST.

Three Members of One Family Die Within a Week.

Death has within a week, and another member's life is despaired of.

Last Monday night Mr. R. T. Allen, of Croxton Postoffice, Caroline county, died from pneumonia. About the same time a daughter, Miss Dora L. Allen, was taken ill with pneumonia, and her death followed Thursday, the day after her father's burial.

Mr. H. M. Allen, a son, who also lives at Croxton, is now critically ill with the same disease. Last Sunday night Mr. Louis H. Harris, the father-in-law of another son, Mr. E. G. Allen, died at his home in Louisa. The two children of Mr. H. M. Allen interested in the recovery from severe attacks of pneumonia.

Mr. R. T. Allen was aged seventy-four years and was a well known citizen of Caroline. His daughter was aged forty-five years and resided with her father at Croxton, which, with the two deaths, is left tenantless. Both father and daughter were buried at Croxton, the former on Wednesday and the latter Friday.

The four remaining members of this sadly afflicted family are Messrs. E. G. Allen, of Milford; H. M. Allen, of Croxton, and R. Allen and Mrs. E. H. Foxsell, of Fulton Hill, Henrico county.

WILL REORGANIZE.

Firm of G. & A. Bargamin to Become a Stock Company.

It is understood that the firm of G. & A. Bargamin will be reorganized and formed into a joint stock company. This reorganization, which will be effected March 1st, and the new company will be capitalized at \$40,000.

From what can be learned several prominent Richmonders will be interested in the new concern, and Mr. Smith Brockenbrough, formerly with the Southern Biscuit Company, will be in charge of the office.

NEW LINE FOR SEABOARD.

Negotiating for the Purchase of Tallulah Falls Road.

(By Associated Press.)
BRUNSWICK, GA., Feb. 23.—It is reported here to-day that negotiations are pending for the purchase of the Tallulah Falls Railroad by the Seaboard Air Line, and extensive negotiations are being held at Athens, Ga., to Knoxville, Tenn.

The purpose of the new line, it is said, is to bring in the undeveloped mineral and timber lands of North Georgia, North Carolina and East Tennessee. George L. Prentiss, of New York, who is considered a leading promoter of the undertaking, was here to-day, but would neither deny nor affirm the rumor.

SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS.

Local.
—One man killed and six injured in explosion at gas works.
—A snow-storm in inauguration and the proposed encampment.
—Some of the features of the Carnival being talked about.
—Negotiations pending for the opening of another hotel here.
—Richmond men talked for the Constitutional Convention.
—Rev. Mr. Cave's decision to be announced to Third Christian Church to-day.
—Major Taylor denies that he will not be a candidate again.

—Robert Davis, arrested by the sheriff of Henry for criminal assault when he was brought to escape on a train.
—A small fire in Petersburg last night.
—The foundry building of the Roanoke Machine Works was burned by fire.
—T. Poindexter, section foreman at Hanover, pursues two robbers with a hand-car and pistol and captures them.
—A snow-storm and blizzard on the Virginia coast.

—Y. M. C. A. determined to raise \$50,000 for the year's work.

—President calls extra session of Senate to convene March 4th.
—A heavy snowfall general throughout the Southern States.
—Extraordinary resolution to investigate its employees. Revenue cutter service bill taken up.